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From: Naval Sea Systems Command, Chief Information Officer (SEA 00I)

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Subj: PROHIBITING USE OF NON-DOD INTERNET SERVICES AND APPLICATIONS

Ref: (a) NCTF-CND message, 262007Z Sep 01, INTERNET OPSEC THREAT ISSUES FOR NAVY AND MARINE CORPS
(b) OPNAVINST 3432.1, 29 August 1995, Operations Security
(c) DoD Directive 5200.39, 10 September 1997, Security, Intelligence, and Counterintelligence Support to Acquisition Program Protection

1. The U.S. Navy is currently operating in a wartime posture and can expect to do so for the foreseeable future. NAVSEA supports the Fleet by providing the latest capabilities in ships, weapons, and combat systems. NAVSEA also possesses well-protected Intranets for the conduct of official business. Use of unauthorized Internet applications on NAVSEA systems and networks weakens the protection afforded to legitimate applications and users against ongoing computer network attacks. Furthermore, use of the Internet instead of the Intranet for official communications (formal or informal) exposes critical information about capabilities and activities of our ships and shipboard systems.

2. The threat is real and is described in detail in Reference (a). Our adversaries actively monitor information that appears on the Internet. Any information that you would not share with a terrorist or foreign intelligence agent (including personal information) should not be placed on an Internet-accessible web site or in a message that will traverse the Internet. References (b) and (c) describe Navy and DoD policies and processes for the identification, control, and protection of critical information that indicates or reveals U.S. capabilities and activities, especially in system acquisition programs.

3. NAVSEA personnel are therefore advised that the use of non-DoD Internet services, such as Yahoo Messenger, AOL Instant

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Messaging, hotmail.com, palm.net, chat rooms, etc. for the
conduct of official NAVSEA business is prohibited.

4. Anyone desiring to use non-DoD Internet applications or
services should first contact the NAVSEA Information Assurance
Office, SEA 00I6. POC: Mr. Tony Geddie, (202) 781-3014, DSN
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